

35,000 STRIKE  
FOR MINIMUM

Leeds, England, Coal Miners  
Laid Down Their  
Tools To-day

NUMBER WILL BE  
INCREASED TO 170,000

Miners' Federation of Great  
Britain Back of the  
Movement

Leeds, Eng., March 30.—Thirty-five thousand coal miners laid down their tools to-day, demanding an introduction of minimum rate wages. Thirty-five thousand others have given notice that they will strike Thursday. The Miners' Federation of Great Britain is supporting the strike and a long struggle is expected.

COFFIN MAKERS WILL  
DEMAND MORE PAY

New Union Investigating the Conditions  
With View to Raising the Cost of  
Dying in the United States.

New York, March 30.—According to the organizers of the coffinmakers' union, recently formed, the coffin-making industry will probably be the next to suffer in the struggle between capital and labor. A referendum vote has been ordered on the question of a general strike to enforce the demands for higher wages and better conditions for the 3,000 coffinmakers in this city.

## AGREEMENT NOT REACHED.

Gould Coupler Works Wouldn't Take  
Back All the Men at Once.

Dewey, N. Y., March 30.—The failure of Superintendent Hayden of the Gould Coupler Works to reach an agreement with the strikers at a conference which ended early this morning apparently placed an amicable settlement of the controversy out of the question and both sides prepared to-day for a long struggle.

The strikers are willing to waive their demand for a closed shop, for which the strike was called, but they asked for the reinstatement of all strikers within 15 days without prejudice.

Because of their affiliation with the union, Superintendent Hayden would not promise to give all the men their former positions, but he agreed to reinstate them as needed during the next three months. The strikers would not accept this.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

Ray Kennedy of Plattsburg commenced work this forenoon as a clerk at the Hub restaurant.

C. F. Miller of Beacon street returned this forenoon from Boston, where he has been spending the past few days.

Mrs. Frank Sawyer of North Main left last night for Woonsocket, R. I., where she was called by the illness of a relative.

A. M. Bianchi of Summer street returned this forenoon from a business visit to Boston and other southern New England points.

"Votes for Men," a two-reel Victor; "His Faithful Servant," a Nestor; also a Crystal, "For a Woman," featuring Pearl White at the Bijou.—Adv.

Mrs. Henry Dunbar of St. Albans arrived in the city to-day for a few days' rest. She will also visit at Montpelier and Plainfield before returning to her home.

Lovell Drown and George Troupe, Jr., returned yesterday from Burlington, where they have been attending the reunion of the boys who passed last summer at Camp Abnaki.

William Halvosa and Thomas Halvosa returned last night from Quincy, Mass., where they were called by the death of their nephew, Phillip Halvosa, Jr., who died last week following an illness of a year's duration. The deceased was a son of Phillip Halvosa, Sr., formerly a resident of Barre. During the past year he had visited at Florida and at Saranac Lake, N. Y., in hope of restoring his health. The funeral was held Friday afternoon.

Arrangements have been completed by Manager Gardens of the Buzzell bowling alley for a series of matches between the Barre bowling club and the Queen City bowling club of Burlington. The first matches of candle pins will take place at Burlington on Monday, April 13. The second match of the series will be played in this city the following week. In event of a deciding game being necessary, the alleys will be selected by mutual agreement.

The dates of the big annual trap shoot of the Montpelier gun club were made known this week. The meet will take place at the Riverside traps on May 13-14. The committee in charge of the big event is making arrangements for an exceptionally large field of competitors to enter. There will be in attendance at least seven or eight professional shooters from various points in the eastern states. In addition, there will be a large representation of the trap clubs of Vermont. Special prizes will be awarded for the various classes of competition. Barre will send about eight pigeon shooters to attend the meet. The annual state shoot will be held again this season at Springfield, the scene of last season's big event. There were at one time hopes entertained of conducting the meet in this section of the state.

## Weather Forecast.

Unsettled to-night and Tuesday; probably with rain or snow; moderate to brisk easterly winds.

W. ROCKEFELLER GETS  
OLD LAMORA CABIN

Thus Completes Vast Hunting Estate in  
the Adirondacks, from Which He  
Was Barred by Owner's Stron-  
gious Objection.

Malone, N. Y., March 30.—Word was received here to-day that the celebrated Rockefeller-Lamora feud had been ended by the action of William Lamora in selling the cabin and grounds left him by his father, a hunter and trapper, who had refused to sell the property to make up a portion of William Rockefeller's vast Adirondack game preserve.

In 1892, Rockefeller bought \$3,000 acres around the town of Brandon, but could not secure the Lamora cabin, which stood in the way. A legal battle followed, which continued almost to his death, his friends rallying to the old man's support and aiding him in paying the expenses involved in the many court proceedings.

For a time after Lamora's death his son assumed the same attitude, but finally has been induced to sell.

NO DEFINITE NEWS  
OF 7-DAY BATTLE

Villa's Followers Are Becoming Nervous  
Over the Lack of News from  
the Rebel Leader.

Chihuahua, March 30.—For seven days Francisco Villa, military leader of the constitutionalists' revolution, has waged a battle against Torreón. For six days the fight was the bitterest and the loss of life the heaviest in the recent history of Mexico.

Judging from the meagre press despatches received from the front and the stories of slaughter told to-day by the many wounded in the hospitals here, the constitutionalists, sympathizers and rebel officers here are again anxious as to the fate of their leader and the remnant of 12,000 men, who marched to Torreón with him.

No word from Villa came to-day to relieve the anxiety. Reports that heavy reinforcements had been brought in to relieve General Refugio Velasco, federal commander at Torreón, were received here with misgivings. The fact that no word has been received direct from Villa is the cause of the greatest anxiety. When the advantage was with him in the past, he has always allowed newspaper correspondents free access to the telephone lines, but when he met with reverse Villa would allow no news sent over the wires.

The report originated from one of the hospitals, after more wounded came in, that General Villa had been wounded slightly and compelled to retire from the front. The report was based merely on the word of a wounded soldier, who, however, insisted he had seen Villa wounded. He declared that for moral effect the news was withheld from the ranks of the rebel army.

A German military observer who arrived to-day from the front said:

"The federal army lured us right into Gomez Palacio, a suburb north of Torreón, before they opened fire. Then they let loose such a hail of rifle and machine gun shots as would have completely demoralized an ordinary Mexican army. The men fell by the score. A cotton bale platform by the railroad tracks was so covered with dead rebels that one could not walk across it without stepping on a body. General Villa had such a large army that he felt he could afford to sacrifice many men to get a foothold. Almost the whole Zarragoza brigade, under General Aguirre Benavides, was thus wiped out, although I think General Benavides escaped."

An elaborate three days' program for the reception of General Carranza on his arrival was abandoned in part to-day because of the presence here of so many wounded. It is believed here that Carranza will not come to Chihuahua until he is satisfied that General Villa will remain in the South, as a meeting of the two revolutionary leaders is not looked upon as opportune at this time.

General Villa's delay in taking Torreón, it is said, has revived the belief that should the Huerta forces drive him north, something in the nature of a northern republic, embracing the states bordering on the United States will be established. The plan of separating the north from the south of Mexico has long been contemplated by some of the rebel leaders. They contend that the north and south in the last half-century have developed along different lines, both politically and industrially.

## Financial Crisis.

Unless decisive results are achieved soon the financial affairs of the rebel territory will reach a crisis, according to men in authority. Six million pesos in fiat money are in circulation in the states of Chihuahua, Durango and parts of Zacatecas, and this money is steadily decreasing in purchasing power with no prospective reserve banking, while more is being issued. Some of the smelters and mines are unable to obtain help because they pay in rebel currency at the same rate as when a peso was worth 45 cents in United States currency. The present value of a peso note is about 18 cents.

Despite assurances given by Governor Uruao to the state department that Luis Terrazas, Jr., would not be executed, it was learned definitely here that Terrazas was threatened with execution twice within the last eight days. He was saved from death within 24 hours on one occasion only through the efforts of a representative of a foreign government, who pleaded all one night that the prisoner be given an extension of three days. The three days' extension was granted and later through another influence the talk of execution was temporarily dropped.

## BODY FOUND IN RIVER.

Nothing to Indicate Foul Play in Death  
of Man.

Holyoke, Mass., March 30.—The body of an unknown man was found in the Connecticut river yesterday by Michael Kisko. The body had been in the water a long time and when viewed by the medical examiner nothing was found that indicated foul play. There was \$18 and a gold watch in his pockets and a note concerning a board bill, signed by Mrs. Tetzo. The man was about 35 years old, with dark hair, and had a tooth missing from the lower jaw. The body was taken in charge by an undertaker.

ALSO WITH TAKES  
WAR PORTFOLIO

Following His Acceptance of  
Col. John Seely's Res-  
ignation

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN  
BRITISH CABINET

Two Army Officers Also  
Have Definitely Re-  
signed

London, March 30.—Colonel John Seely, secretary of war, resigned his portfolio in the British cabinet to-day and the resignation was accepted by Premier Asquith, who decided to take the position himself. Sir John French, chief of the imperial general staff of the army, and Sir John Ewart, adjutant general to the forces, also definitely resigned from the service to-day.

"Seely's resignation has been accepted," this was Asquith's remark, announcing that the House of Commons war secretary had paid the penalty of his indiscretions in adding two paragraphs to a cabinet document, which aroused such feeling as to threaten the existence of the entire cabinet.

The first intimation that the members of Parliament had that Seely had retired was when he entered the House and took a seat on a back bench, instead of among his late colleagues. The premier told the House that after a full consideration, French and Ewart persisted in their desire to be relieved of their offices, much to his regret.

## "IRISH VOLUNTEERS" IN BOSTON.

Young Men Formed Company to Fight  
for Their Country.

Boston, March 30.—After a long discussion of the advisability of landing to fight for home rule in Ireland, a group of 25 young Irishmen last night formed the "Irish Volunteers" and will ask the national organization of that name for permission to become a part of it.

The meeting was held in John Boyle O'Reilly Hall, in the Hibernian building, Dudley street, Roxbury. The members of the new organization came from every part of Greater Boston. John J. Collins was appointed temporary chairman and Peter Courty temporary secretary.

The initiative for the new body was taken by Collins and by John J. Meade, both of Roxbury. The discussion as to the necessity for raising a company for service in Ulster developed a considerable opposition. Those who felt that the situation at present does not demand any such measures tried unsuccessfully to have a committee appointed to confer on the matter.

The proponents of the organization declared that "the young Irishmen of this country should be trained, so that if the time comes to fight for their country at home, they will not be found with their fingers in their mouths."

Many of those present at the meeting were served in the British army, and others have been connected with military organizations in Massachusetts. Another meeting scheduled for next Sunday night is hoped to treble the present membership of the new assembly.

## THREE MEN APPEALED

When Arraigned in Montpelier Court—  
Three Others Went to Jail.

In Montpelier city court six men were arraigned before Judge Harvey as the result of the police work over Sunday. Thomas Fitzgibbon pleaded not guilty to intoxication and on the testimony of Officer Connolly was adjudged guilty and fined \$15, with costs. The respondent appealed to county court.

William Connors, who has been in Wells River recently, did not pay \$5 and costs and went to county jail for 20 days.

William and Harley Sun were making too much noise at an early Sunday morning celebration on Loomis street and each pleaded guilty and each was sent to the county jail for 20 days.

James Clark was adjudged guilty on the charge of intoxication and he appealed to county court.

Daniel Sexton declared he was not guilty of intoxication and after Officer McCoy had testified to finding Sexton asleep at the C. V. station, that he took 10 minutes to arouse him and that assistance had to be secured to get Sexton in jail the judge adjudged Sexton was more guilty than he was willing to admit. Thereupon, Judge Harvey fined the respondent \$5 with costs. Sexton at once gave notice of an appeal.

## ARE NOT CONVINCED.

St. Albans Voters Want More Information  
About City Manager.

St. Albans, March 30.—The so-called manager scheme was presented and discussed at the meeting of the city council held on Saturday evening. The board is said to be evenly divided on the proposition and as no satisfactory conclusion could be reached, it was finally voted to send a committee consisting of Alderman Eastman, Shore and Sullivan to New York to look further into the matter.

A petition signed by one hundred voters asking for a mass meeting to air the whole matter on Wednesday evening to-day was presented. The council will meeting will be held.

## OPERATION FOR APPENDICITIS.

Performed on Mrs. John M. Thomas of  
Middlebury.

Middlebury, March 30.—Mrs. John M. Thomas, wife of President Thomas of Middlebury college, suffered a severe attack of appendicitis and was taken Saturday afternoon on the mail train to Burlington, where an operation was immediately performed at the Mary Fletcher hospital. She was accompanied by her husband and Dr. F. S. Eddy.

FORMER LIEUT.-  
GOV. MANSUR DIED  
IN BURLINGTON

He Was a Veteran of the Civil War and  
Lost His Right Arm in Battle at  
Opequon Creek.

Burlington, March 30.—Col. Zophar M. Mansur died Saturday evening at six o'clock at a local sanitarium, where he had been under treatment since last September for hardening of the arteries. The remains were taken to-day to his home at Newport, where the funeral services will be held to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock.

Zophar Mack Mansur was born at Morgan November 23, 1843, the son of Warren and Jane A. (Morse) Mansur. He was educated in the common schools, Washington county grammar school and Derby academy. He taught school in 1861 and in the next year enlisted in Company K, 10th Vermont, being discharged in 1865. He took part in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, around Petersburg, Monocacy, Maryland, Charleston, Virginia, and Opequon Creek, Va. He lost his right arm at Opequon Creek on September 19, 1864. He taught school at Derby in the winter of 1866 and was appointed postmaster at Island Pond in February, 1867. He held that office for several years.

He studied law with George N. Dale at Island Pond from 1870 to 1875 and was admitted to the bar in the latter year, practicing until 1892. He represented Brighton in the legislature in 1890 and Essex county in the Senate in 1888. He was state's attorney for Essex county from 1886 to 1888. From 1894 to 1896 he served the state as lieutenant-governor, and was collector of customs in the district of Memphremagog from 1897 to 1906. Since its foundation he was trustee of the Soldier's Home at Bennington, and was for several years a trustee of the University of Vermont.

He was elected president of the Vermont Officers' Reunion society in 1889 and also in 1898; department commander, G. A. R., in 1890, and president of the Society of Sons of the American Revolution in 1894. In 1885 he became a director of the National bank of Derby Line and had been its president since 1892.

Colonel Mansur was a 32nd degree Mason and was a member of the Temple, magog lodge, No. 65, F. and A. M., of Newport.

Colonel Mansur's wife was Ellen L. Newhall of Norway, Me., their marriage taking place August 16, 1868. Mrs. Mansur died four years ago. Two children were born to them, Arthur G. Mansur of this city, and Mabel S. Mrs. Carl Storrs, whose death occurred four years ago.

## TO FIGHT RATE REDUCTION.

Two Telephone Companies File Bills of  
Exception.

Brattleboro, March 30.—Bills of exceptions to the recent order of the public service commission have been filed by John G. Sargent of Ludlow, of counsel for the Champlain Valley Telephone Co., and the Franklin County Telephone Co. The bills are identical in their wording except so far as the proposed telephone rates of the respective companies are concerned.

Exception is taken by the Franklin County Telephone Co. to the following rates: St. Albans exchange, six-party business, from \$24 to \$25 per year; 15-party business, from \$18 to \$19 per year; 15-party business, from \$18 to \$19 per year; East Fairfield exchange, six-party business, from \$21 to \$18 per year; six-party business, from \$18 to \$15 per year; 15-party farmers' line business, \$21 to \$18 per year.

Exception is taken by the Champlain Valley company to the rates ordered by the commission as follows: Six-party business from \$21 to \$18 per year; 15-party farmers' line business from \$21 to \$18 per year.

Further exceptions to the order and findings of the public service commission are taken to the number of 37.

## ACCIDENT AND POISON

Took Three People in Worcester, Mass.,  
on Sunday.

Worcester, Mass., March 30.—Three deaths following accidents and poisoning occurred at the City hospital yesterday. Mrs. Annie B. Thatcher, age 76, who was burned about the head and body Sunday at her home, 1227 Main street, was the first to die. Charles Longbottom, age 45, of 16 Washington street, who came in contact with 13,000 volts of electricity from wires of the Connecticut River Transmission Co. last Sunday, and Thomas White, age 25, who took nitric acid with suicidal intent at hotel Warren, Friday night, were the other two. White is believed to have a brother at Taunton.

## WAS NATIVE OF PLAINFIELD.

Rufus Mack Was Nearly 91 Years of  
Age.

Goffstown, N. H., March 30.—Rufus Mack died at his home on Church street Sunday morning of general debility, aged 90 years, 11 months and 10 days.

He was born at Plainfield, Vt. He served as a seaman when young and enlisted in the 13th Company H, Vermont volunteers for nine months. He enlisted the second time on Aug. 9, 1862, in the 13th battery of Vermont, and was discharged on June 15, 1865. He was a member of Charles Stinson post, G. A. R. His wife died 10 years ago.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Henry Davis and Mrs. Charles Dwyer of Bethel, Vt., and one son, Alvah Mack of Bedford.

## EARLY CANOEIST DROWNED.

George Feugil Lost His Life at Lowell,  
Mass.

Lowell, Mass., March 30.—George Feugil was drowned by the overturning of a canoe at Varnum's Landing in Merrimack river yesterday afternoon. Mr. Feugil was employed by Albert Burnham in the box shop of the Avington mills in Lawrence.

He came to Varnum's Landing to look after his summer camp. His wife arrived from Lawrence five minutes after the drowning.

TRAINS KILL;  
CAR INJURES

Two Men Lost Their Lives  
and Third Badly Hurt  
Saturday Night

TWO OF ACCIDENTS  
WERE IN BARRE

Joseph Martin and Patrick  
Driscoll Dead, Robert  
Heaphy in Hospital

The Dead.

GUISEPPE MARTINI, aged 27,  
in Barre.

PATRICK DRISCOLL, aged 50,  
at Middlesex.

The Badly Injured.

ROBERT HEAPHY, aged 65, in  
Barre.

Three men paid the penalty for track walking in Washington county Saturday night, two of the men being killed and a third being seriously injured. One of the men lost his life on the Central Vermont main line near Middlesex village, and the other man killed was struck by a Barre and Montpelier suburban train on the Montpelier & Wells River railroad, in Barre, while the man seriously injured was walking on the Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co.'s track in Barre.

While walking along the Montpelier & Wells River railroad track in North Barre in company with two friends early Saturday evening, Giuseppe Martini of Barre street, Montpelier, was struck by an outgoing passenger train at the entrance to the shipping yard of the Smith, Whitcomb & Cook shops and was instantly killed. After being struck and thrown about eight feet, he lay inside the rails and the train passed over the body, which was terribly mutilated by the underworks of the locomotive and car trucks.

The accident happened shortly before 6 o'clock and there were few people on North Main street at the time. Engineer Leckner of the train and the two companions of the victim were the only persons in the immediate vicinity to see the death. As there is a bend in the tracks at that point the locomotive bell is changed for considerable distance. Engineer Leckner saw the trio on the railroad right of way as his train passed around the curve. Two of the men stepped to one side of the track, but the third, Martini, seemed to be confused. Thereupon, the engineer blew three shrill blasts of the whistle and applied the reverse brakes, but Martini did not get off the track, and the train could not be stopped soon enough to avoid hitting the man. A few rods beyond, the train was brought to a halt and the trainmen went back to the scene of the accident.

Dr. J. H. Woodruff, the city health officer, was summoned, and later the remains were carried to the undertaking rooms of B. W. Hooker & Co. The identity of the man was not thoroughly established until 8 o'clock when friends of the dead man called at the undertaking rooms and gave what little information about the fellow they had.

Martini was a mason's assistant. He had been employed for two or three years in the quarrying district about East Barre and Webster's Mills, but since last fall he had been employed on construction work at Windsor. On Friday evening he returned to Montpelier and was to enter the employ of John Migliorini, the mason contractor, during the present week. For the purpose of visiting friends, Martini came to Barre Saturday morning, intending to return to Montpelier later in the day.

So far as known Martini had no relatives in Vermont, but he has a wife and one child in New York. He was 27 years of age and was born in Palermo, Italy. He came to the United States about four years ago. He had resided in various stone districts hereabouts, besides being employed at Windsor for several months.

The mangled body of a man supposed to be Patrick Driscoll, aged 50, of Keene, N. H., and well known hereabouts, was found on the Central Vermont railroad track just north of the Middlesex station Sunday morning, the body having been run over by at least one train, a southbound freight. How the man met his death no one knows. The body was found by a Middlesex man who was walking along the track early in the morning.

The victim's head was crushed badly on the left side; both feet were completely severed just above the ankle; the right arm was almost cut off; the brain matter was scattered along the track; and there were bruises and other lesser injuries about the body. There were blood stains on the wall bordering the track, indicating that the body was thrown by the train against the wall and afterwards it had rolled back onto the track.

After Deputy Sheriff J. F. Hastings of Middlesex had been called to the scene and had viewed the body, the remains were collected by an undertaker, F. H. Hall of Montpelier, and were brought to Montpelier yesterday afternoon. At the undertaking rooms several persons called and after viewing the remains expressed their opinion that the body was that of Driscoll. Mrs. John M. Kane of Ridge street, Montpelier, who is a relative, felt sure it was Driscoll's body, but her husband was not so sure; and so it was decided to call Driscoll's brother from Keene.

The body was that of a man in middle life. The head was slightly bald. His hair was dark brown and he had a heavy moustache. The body was fairly well clothed and the shoes on the severed feet were well made.

Robert Heaphy, aged 65 years, lies in the Barre City hospital with a broken left leg as the result of being run down by an inbound car of the Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co. on North Main street near the junction with Willey street Saturday night. The femur bone was broken close to the hip and lacerations above the left eye were inflicted. At first it was thought the man's condition was serious because of his advanced age, but to-day he was reported as resting comfortably.

Heaphy was on his way to Willey street, where he resides at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Willis Page, from a visit uptown. He was walking along the tracks of the electric road and was within a few rods of the turning point across the river to his home when the accident occurred. An incoming car, manned by Motorman Carl Knapp and Conductor Frank Fitzsimmons, leaving switch No. 1 at 9:30 p. m., had completed the wide curve at the lower end of North Main street as Heaphy was plodding his way along the tracks. At the same time the Green Mountain express, over the Montpelier & Wells River tracks, but a few feet away, was approaching from the other direction under full steam. Motorman Knapp saw the man ahead in the tracks. Heaphy was walking with his head down and was totally oblivious to the approach of the electric car. Before Motorman Knapp could bring his car to a halt Heaphy was struck by the tender and rolled off to one side of the street. It was thought the reason for his failure to hear the approach of the electric car was because of the roar of the Green Mountain express.

Heaphy was carried into the car, which sped on an emergency run to the City hospital. Medical assistance was summoned and the injured man attended to. Heaphy is employed as a section hand on the Montpelier & Wells River railroad.

EXEMPTION  
IS SUBSIDY

Declared Pres. Will  
Defending Bill for  
Panama Canal Dispute

DEMO-  
CRATIC DOCTRINE  
OPPOSES ANY SUBSIDY

But Says Democratic Plat-  
form Contains Con-  
tradictions

Washington, D. C., March 30.—President Wilson declared to-day that on account of contradictory statements in the Baltimore platform, Democrats should have no hesitation in voting for the repeal of canal tolls exemption. The president characterized the exemption as subsidies and pointed out that one plank in the platform expressed opposition to any subsidy, direct or indirect.

President Wilson said even if the international situation had not arisen he would have opposed the tolls exemption as against Democratic doctrine. The debate on the repeal of tolls exemption was continued to-day in both the House and the Senate. It is expected the question will come to a vote in the House Tuesday night or Wednesday.

PIONEER ITALIAN MANUFACTURER  
Zaccaria Macchi Started Business in  
Barre in 1892.

Zaccaria Macchi, a retired granite manufacturer and one of the oldest Italian residents of Barre, passed away at his home, 23 Berlin street, at 10 o'clock Saturday night. Death was caused by cancer of the mouth, following an illness from last December. He leaves his wife, four sisters and two brothers.

Mr. Macchi was born at Cavaria, Italy, March 18, 1849. He learned the stone cutting trade in his native land and came to the United States 32 years ago. He first located in Westbury, N. Y., where he remained for six years, then coming to Barre and having resided here since 1888. He was one of the most skilled carvers in Barre during his early residence here, and in 1892 he entered the manufacturing business, establishing the Union Granite Works near the old Tappan crossing in the north end. He continued in business until two years ago, when he retired, the name of the firm being changed meantime to the Z. Macchi Granite Co. At the time of its erection, the plant was one of the largest in Barre and much fine work was turned out.

Mr. Macchi was twice married, his first wife passing away about 14 years ago. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. The funeral will be held from his late home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and burial will be in the Catholic cemetery.

SHARP DIFFERENCE  
AMONG PROGRESSIVES

Charles H. Thompson, M. L. Aseltine and  
E. L. Kelley Are Of the Ex-  
ecutive Committee.

Charles H. Thompson of Montpelier, Progressive party national committee man from Vermont, denies that he has been asked to resign that position, although he was removed with M. L. Aseltine of St. Albans and E. L. Kelley of Salisbury from the state executive committee of the party at the recent meeting in Burlington.

Mr. Thompson made the following statement yesterday:

"In regard to the rumors concerning friction in the Progressive party as evidenced by articles which appeared in certain newspapers, I would say that any statements that there have been charges against any official of the Progressive party as to financial discrepancies, are maliciously false. It is true, however, that there has been a sharp difference of opinion between myself and one member of the state committee on matters of party policies; these differences of opinion have existed since the inception of the party two years ago. It is also true that I have held two many offices in the party and have for some time urged that I be relieved from the entire responsibility of every party matter that was asked of me. Therefore, the action of the state committee in creating a new executive committee met with my full approval. My personal relations with the New York and Washington offices of the party have not changed and are as cordial as they have always been."

Mr. Thompson called attention to the statement made by Judge E. W. Gibson of Brattleboro, who followed him, that he was a member of a committee to consider certain matters of difference for the Progressive state committee. There was no claim made of any discrepancy in the figures of the money received and of the money paid out from Progressive headquarters by Mr. Thompson. For a portion of the time during Mr. Thompson's incumbency as chairman of the executive committee, his accounts were audited by Mr. Kelley, the treasurer, and the balance of the time by Mr. Sumner, the auditor. Both Mr. Sumner and Mr. Kelley reported that they knew of no discrepancies in Mr. Thompson's accounts.

"It is true that some differences have arisen between certain Progressive leaders and it was thought best by the committee to keep clear of any such entanglements. Everyone interested agreed that this was the only and just course to pursue. The action taken by the state committee completely cleared the atmosphere."

"Mr. Thompson is not and has never been a member of the state committee. It was not therefore expected of him to attend the Burlington meeting. Looking to a reorganization of the party machinery, all standing committees were abolished at a former meeting of the state committee. This included the executive committee, of which Mr. Thompson was chairman. The matters of difference referred to are due, in no small degree, to outsiders, who have consistently labored to injure the Progressive party. Their efforts are doomed to failure."

The new executive committee are: Dr. H. Nelson Jackson of Burlington, Dr. W. J. Aldrich of St. Johnsbury, W. H. Nichols of Bennington, E. W. Gibson of Brattleboro, M. M. Wilson of Randolph.

The old committee were: C. H. Thompson of Montpelier, M. L. Aseltine of St. Albans, Dr. H. Nelson Jackson of Burlington, E. L. Kelley of Salisbury, M. M. Wilson of Randolph.

## SUSPECT AN INCENDIARY

In \$150,000 Fire on Portland's Water  
Front.

Portland, Me., March 30.—The fire in the Galt block, warehouse which broke out early Sunday morning was under control in the afternoon and is now being looked after by the fire boat. The number two section of the warehouse and the